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WHILE REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO RESUME TACKLE ACTIVITIES HAS BEEN SUBMITTED PER REF, WE CANNOT ASSUME FULL APPROVAL WILL BE FORTHCOMING. AS A RESULT OF 40 COMMITTEE DISCUSSION OF MATTER TO BE HELD SOMETIME BETWEEN 7-15 MARCH WE FEEL THAT ANY ONE OF SEVERAL POSSIBLE DECISIONS MAY BE REACHED. POSSIBILITIES RANGE FROM STRAIGHT APPROVAL FOR CONTINUATION OF THE PROGRAM AS BEFORE TO A FLAT NEGATIVE RESPONSE WHICH WOULD REQUIRE IMMEDIATE CANCELLATION OF THE ACTIVITY. ALSO POSSIBLE WOULD BE SUCH ALTERNATIVES AS APPROVAL TO CONTINUE TRAINING FLIGHTS WITH DEFERRAL OF A DECISION ON RESUMPTION OF OPERATIONAL MISSIONS, OR SOME FORM OF CONDITIONAL APPROVAL INVOLVING CHANGED GROUND RULES OR A TIME LIMIT FOR PHASING OUT ACTIVITIES.

IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE WE BELIEVE WE MUST BE PREPARED WITH CONTINGENCY PLAN IN EVENT 40 COMMITTEE DECISION NOT FAVORABLE. REQUEST STATION COMMENTS ON PROBABLE TO ABOVE

POSSIBLE DECISIONS AND WHAT STEPS MIGHT BE TAKEN INTERNALLY

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NOT TO PREVENT OR REDUCE ADVERSE EFFECTS ON OTHER STATION

ACTIVITIES. WOULD LIKE YOU TO CONSIDER HOW ANY CURTAILMENT

OR TERMINATION OF ACTIVITY MIGHT BEST BE PRESENTED TO

MINIMUM/MAXIMUM TIMING

CONSIDERATIONS RE REDUCTION OR PHASE-OUT WITH CONCOMMITANT PROBLEMS, RESIDUAL COMMITMENTS, ETC. THIS MUST TAKE INTO ACCOUNT POLITICAL FACTORS AS WELL AS AGREEMENT ON THIS ACTIVITY WHICH INCLUDES THREE-MONTH TERMINATION CLAUSE, WHICH SUCH NOTICE TO FOLLOW PRIOR REVIEW AND CONSULTATION.

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